



## Department of Energy

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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

**To: Landowners interested in the SnoKing Tap to Monroe-Sammamish Transmission Line  
Voltage Increase (230-kV to 500-kV)**

Bonneville Power Administration constructed a new three-pole steel transmission structure to allow our SnoKing Tap to Monroe-Sammamish transmission line to connect to our Echo Lake-Monroe transmission line. This is one of several transmission system projects that will improve reliability in the Puget Sound area.

The project is located in Snohomish County approximately four miles southeast of Monroe, Wash. and approximately five miles northeast of Duvall, Wash. (map enclosed). The line was originally designed to operate at 500-kV and meet Washington State audible noise regulations. The line has operated at 230-kV since 1970.

On Sept. 29, 2003, the line voltage was increased to 500-kV as part of several projects to improve transmission system reliability. It now operates at the higher voltage. BPA has received several calls and emails from concerned residents regarding the noise levels, the safety of humans and animals around the high voltage line, and television or radio reception interference. While some increase in the noise level was expected, the apparent impacts to landowners were not. We apologize for the lack of prior notification of our action and any concern or inconvenience this may have caused you.

BPA is committed to working with area residents to address these concerns. We will be conducting field investigations within the next few days to inspect the line condition and perform measurements of both the noise and electromagnetic field (EMF) environment. We will share the results of our investigations with you as soon as possible.

**For More Information**

If you have questions or would like us to meet with you on-site, please call our Realty Specialist, Robert Thompson at (360) 568-2743. If you have other questions about the project, please call our toll-free number 1-888-276-7790.

Sincerely,

/s/ Doug Riehl, Oct. 1, 2003

Doug Riehl  
Project Manager